

Tax Payments...

...I guess I have to, but HOW?



At the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 tax payments can be made **FIVE** different ways.

- ⇒ **IN PERSON** Cash or Cheque is accepted at 39 Centre Street, Neilburg, SK during regular business hours.
- ⇒ **BY MAIL** Sending us a Cheque to Box 280, Neilburg, SK S0M 2C0.
Ensure to give it plenty of time before the pay period ending to avoid penalty charges if it is delivered after such date. (Do not send cash through the mail)
- ⇒ **CREDIT CARD** Visa or Mastercard is accepted through Option Pay. You may access this online through our website, www.rmofhillsdale.com or at the municipal office.
Fees are charged to you for this service at time of payment
- ⇒ **E-TRANSFER** Electronically through your banking institution using our email rm440@sasktel.net.
No password necessary as it is set up to directly deposit.
You may need to divide payments depending on your limit
Be sure to add your customer number in the notes, it is helpful for processing
** Also add in notes, if you are only paying one location on your tax notice*
- ⇒ **NEW CREDIT UNION PAYEE** By selecting the Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440 as a payee (bill payment) through your Credit Union.

ROLL NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ACRES	TAX LIEN	TAX ENFORCEMENT	CREDITS/ARREARS	TAXES OWING
999 000	NE 25 44 25 W3	157.260	1,124.21	241.88		1,615.06
AGRICULTURE		170,335	100 - MUN	225.00 (Minimum Tax - Land)		
			200 - #203			
RESIDENTIAL		1,300	100 - MUN	23.97	0.00	
			200 - #203	1,615.06	0.00	
TOTAL TAXES DUE						1,615.06

DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES	
If Paid By Jul 31st	1,615.06
If Paid By Aug 31st	1,615.06
If Paid By Sep 30th	1,615.06
If Paid By Oct 31st	1,615.06
If Paid By Nov 30th	1,615.06
If Paid By Dec 31st	1,615.06

TAXING AUTHORITY	PROPERTY CLASS	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	CURRENT LEVY	CREDITS/ARREARS	TOTAL TAXES OWING
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You will require your customer number from you tax notice which is displayed behind your name in brackets under the mailing date on the top righthand side.

Timely Tax Payments Avoid Penalty

Taxes are due December 31 of each calendar year. Council sets the budget and levies taxes mid year. Tax notices are mailed shortly after. If you misplaced your copy requests for a new copy can simply be made by contacting us.

Tax installments are accepted anytime throughout the year.

If you have any questions regarding these services please contact us at 306-823-4321 or rm440@sasktel.net.

Our mission is to maintain and enhance the economic, cultural and social wellbeing of our ratepayers.

Your tax dollars help us accomplish our mission by providing services to the public which cannot feasibly be achieved individually such as transportation, protective, environmental development, public health and welfare, economic development and recreational and cultural services for the benefit of the public as a whole.

Reassessment Revaluation Reinspection



Reassessment is when the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) physically looks at a property, assesses it, compares it to others like it in Saskatchewan and gives it a value. Reassessment is done on a property when there has been a change, such as adding a building, a subdivision was made, or a change from residential to commercial, for example.

Revaluation is when SAMA compares the numbers ‘on paper’ and revalues property based on sales, inflation and changes throughout the province. This is done typically every 4 years, the last one was in 2021. The entire province under goes revaluation in 2025.

Reinspection is when SAMA physically inspects all properties throughout the municipality and makes adjustments as needed. There has not been a reinspection in the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 for the past 30 years. SAMA Assessors will be checking all properties within the municipality, including residential, commercial, agriculture and industrial, to collect data and make corrections.

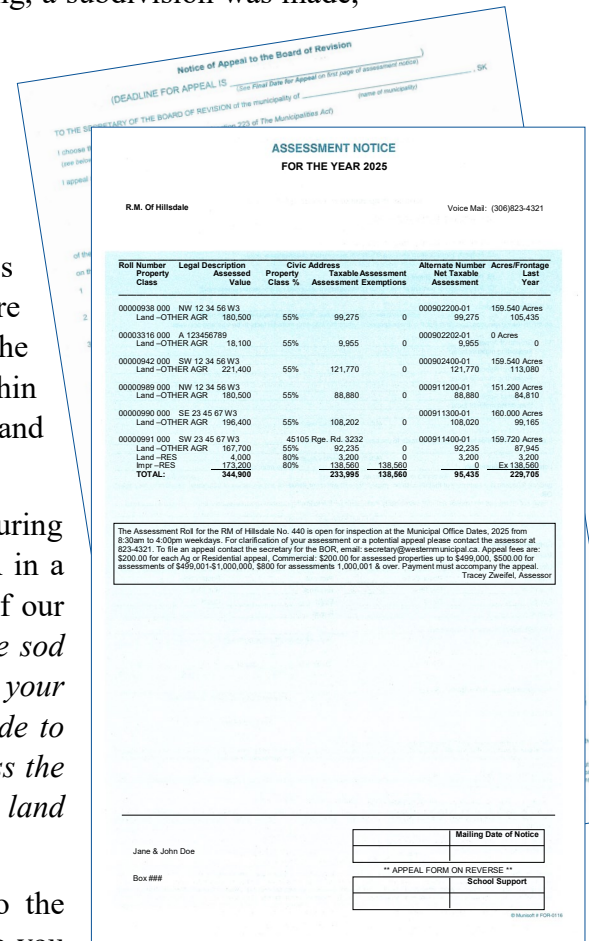
There will be an information sheet mailed to all property owners during this time, we ask you to fill in the questions and return it to SAMA in a timely manner. This information will help make accurate analysis of our area. *For a far fetched example of why this needs to take place...the sod house your great-grandparents lived in is what SAMA has listed on your home quarter and now you live in a castle, a change would be made to your residential assessment, which makes your assessment fair across the municipality. A not so far fetched example...updating any pasture land that has become farmland or vice versa.*

When SAMA completes the process they send the new values to the municipal office. The values are uploaded, printed and then mailed to you in the form of an Assessment Notice (similar to the one on the right). Once you receive your notice, review it, if an error has been made, the assessed value can be appealed. The appeal process is outlined on the back of your notice. Typically assessments can be appealed for a period of 30 days with the Board of Revision, as these numbers directly impact the RM tax calculations. The assessment appeal period is listed on the Assessment Notice, usually during April and May.

Because the Reinspection will be started in 2024 and the Revaluation year is 2025, both these values will be reflected on your 2025 Assessment Notice.

Note: if you receive an Assessment Notice in 2024, there has been a change in ownership, a change to your property like a sale, subdivision, or a new building. If your assessment has not changed you will not receive an Assessment Notice as per Bylaw 2/2006. Everyone receives an Assessment Notice in a Revaluation Year or after a Reinspection - look for yours in 2025!

Questions are always welcome. 306-823-4321 • email rm440@sasktel.net



The Assessment Roll for the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 is open for inspection at the Municipal Office Dates, 2025 from 8:30am to 4:00pm weekdays. For clarification of your assessment or a potential appeal please contact the assessor at 823-4321. To file an appeal contact the secretary for the BOR, email: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca. Appeal fees are: \$200.00 for each Ag or Residential appeal, Commercial: \$200.00 for assessed properties up to \$499,000, \$500.00 for assessments of \$499,001-\$1,000,000, \$800 for assessments 1,000,001 & over. Payment must accompany the appeal. Tracy Giesler, Assessor

June & John Doe

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Mailing Date of Notice

** APPEAL FORM ON REVERSE **

School Support



Baldwinton Grid

Range Road 3233 Mile 10

Baldwinton Pavement Access



Council and Staff have heard concerns regarding the RM's decision not to repair or allow traffic on Range Road 3233 - Mile 10, AKA Baldwinton Grid Access.

Baldwinton Grid Facts:

2018 road was banned to restrict heavy vehicles and barricades were placed to save the slope and edge of road.

2019 road was closed as it was covered by water. Safety of users is a great concern and a liability to the municipality.

2019 - 2022 Water covered the road, rising and lowering with weather conditions.

2022 test holes were made and samples analyzed by Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions (now, WSP E&I Canada) to prove the structure of the road is undermined and has lost its compaction, structure is sinking in places and potential voids are unknown. *Study available at www.rmofhillsdale.com*

2023 trenches were dug across the road and through the pavement to ensure no vehicles would take this route as it is not safe.

Why is the RM not fixing the Baldwinton Access off Highway 40?

Why can't the RM just fix the road, add dirt, build it up, make it passable?

1. The road cannot just be opened up and allow traffic to use it as we are unsure of the structure underneath the asphalt. There could be sink holes or gaps that would pose a safety concern to any person travelling on it and leaving the municipality open to liability. *To assess the road we would need to peel and dispose of the asphalt, leaving the structure to 'air out' for a season or two and then engineering may be able to begin.*
2. A road like this requires engineering and a prediction of how high to build so it does not flood in the future. The current road would have to be removed, asphalt disposed of and a new base built. To begin, a berm would be constructed to displace water to ensure safety of workers, which will impact nearby land owners. *It has been discussed to raise the road at least 3 meters, which also displaces current water, effecting surrounding lands, and doing this requires reconfiguration of landowner access and environmental approvals. Many factors must be considered.*
3. Cost, this approximate 1/2 - 3/4 mile of repair would incur a cost beginning at 2.5 million dollars. *Which is approximately three times more than constructing 1 mile of regular existing road.*
4. This road gives convenient access, however, there are alternative routes near by, only one and two miles away.
5. In good conscience, the RM Council cannot see the benefit of the constructing this road, at this time. *Council does realize the inconvenience to Baldwinton area residents, fortunately, adapting a new route is possible.*

Interested in Municipal Government? Become a Councillor!

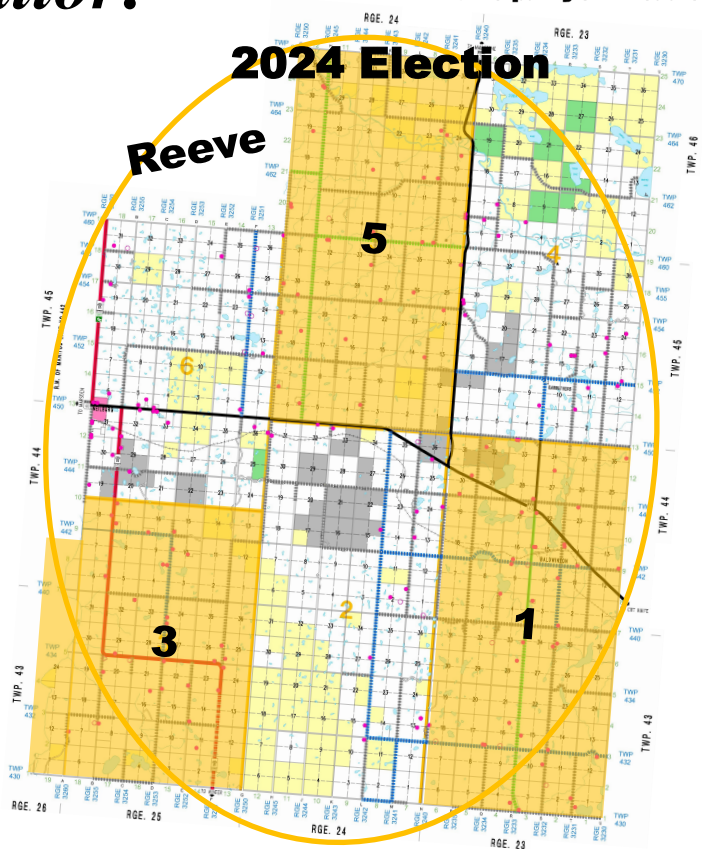


Seven people represent and govern our population of 528 people, 315 miles of road, gravel pit, public works shop, municipal office, pasture land and a transfer station.

Ever wonder how it is done? Curious how decisions are made? What policies guide the municipality? How Saskatchewan legislation provides regulations for fairness to all ratepayers? Talk to your Division Councillor, the Reeve, or attend a meeting to observe from the gallery.

Municipal councils thrive on **history, diversity, forethought, and democracy**. Council discussion during meetings allow for all sides to be voiced and best decisions to be made. Questions are always welcome and answered, explained or investigated to figure out the most suitable way forward.

The Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440 has been incorporated since 1913. Improved by governance, road structure, industry and agriculture through the years to develop the RM into what you see today. With your **involvement and new ideas** it can take us into the future and beyond. As a council member you will be obligated to attend meetings, sit on committees, attend conferences and seminars, represent and promote the municipality as a whole. Meetings are held once a month in the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 at minimum and various committee meetings happen at different times throughout the year. Being a council member in our RM is not a full-time job, however, people will recognize you as a councillor everywhere you go. They may seek you out to ask questions, give you advice and opinions to bring to the table.



Election Day is November 13, 2024.

In September, the nomination period will be opened for the positions of Reeve and Councillors of Divisions 1, 3 & 5. During this period candidates must complete a prescribed form which requires two signatures from eligible voters of their division, Reeve requires eligible voters to be from the RM as a whole. A Public Disclosure Statement must accompany the Nomination form along with the candidate's acceptance. (These forms will be available in the RM Office, on our website or through the Saskatchewan Government.) Once these forms are filed with the RM Office the candidate is nominated for election.

Come see, check out how you can make a difference!

Reeve Glenn Goodfellow • Division 1 Councillor Trevor McCrea • Division 2 Councillor Tannis Chibri
Division 3 Councillor Bernadette Poppleton • Division 4 Councillor Darren Tyler
Division 5 Councillor Floyd Whitney • Division 6 Councillor Chip Chibri

The primary purpose of a municipality is to carry out the will of the people they serve. Council is responsible to make decisions about municipal services, establish policies and provide direction for the operation of the municipality.